

May 18, 1993

LB 627
LR 126

immediately.) ...Legislative Chamber. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do not.

SPEAKER BAACK: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 126. We will now proceed to Item 8 on the agenda and Select File for Senator priority bills, and LB 627.

CLERK: Mr. President, 627 has been discussed by the Legislature. There is pending an amendment by Senator Witek to the bill. A division was requested. We're on the first portion of the division. An amendment to it has been offered and approved by the body as of May 11th that....So we are back to the first component of the first division, if you will. I have a priority motion, however. The priority motion is from Senator Withem, that be to bracket the bill until June 8, 1994.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I offer this amendment as an alternative, not out of strong feelings about the content of 627, but out of what is developing to be very strong feelings about our process and about our ability, as a Legislature, to deal with all of the important issues that are before us. A similar amendment, motion like this was tried in...last time 627 was up for debate on Select File. I will, in case people missed what the Clerk read, I'll be very up front and indicate that it is different in one respect. The date is 1994, it is not June 8, 1993. This bracket motion would have the impact of...of laying this bill over until one of two things happened. Either June 8, 1994 rolls around where we would be out of session, with the next session, or a bracket motion...a bill that is bracketed can always be unbracketed by a majority of those voting. It is my feeling that LB 627 is not going to pass this session in anything that resembles the original intent of the introducers. I could probably support what currently is in 627, but I don't...all indications we had last time that it was being debated was that that was not an acceptable version for those who prioritized this bill. So all indications are we're going to continue on with the debate, with the ironic